

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of May 14 - May 18, 2007**

- 1. Meeting of Tenant Associations Planned - June 20 (Citywide):** Another meeting of tenant associations is being planned for Wednesday, June 20 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in the Takoma Park Community Center. Notice will go out to all who attended the April 21 Tenant Association Summit and to other interested tenant associations and individuals. One of the goals of the group is to form committees that will focus on various issues of concern, such as the State of Maryland Condominium Conversion law, affordable housing issues and Takoma Park's Rent Stabilization law. Interested tenants should contact Linda Walker at (301) 891-7222 for further information. *(Housing and Community Development)*
- 2. Open Meetings Act Training:** Approximately 20 committee members and staff attended the special training on the Maryland Open Meetings Act, which was conducted by Assistant Attorney General Jack Schwartz on May 16th in the Auditorium. *(City Clerk)*
- 3. The Tactical Enforcement Unit:** The new Criminal Investigations Division's Tactical Enforcement Unit made one adult arrest after a surveillance detail in the Old Takoma business area on Thursday evening around 7:00pm. Officers observed several subjects involved in suspicious activity. The suspects were associated with a vehicle that was bearing stolen license plates. *(Police)*
- 4. Police Personnel in Training:** Ms. Pullet, Senior Dispatcher Guarini, Dispatcher Cooper and Sgt. Bowers attended a week long training session on the new CAD and RMS systems of the Montgomery County Police, in preparation for our conversion to these systems. *(Police)*
- 5. Officers in Meetings:** Chief Ricucci attended the Montgomery County Law Enforcement Information Sharing Luncheon on Wednesday, May 16. He also met with the City Manager and the Recreation Director to plan a Gang Awareness training session for Recreation Staff to be conducted next week. The Chief interviewed a prospective coordinator for a Citizen's Police Academy, which is anticipated to be conducted in FY 2008. He also met with several of the Montgomery County Police Crime Analysts to gather information for the planned addition of a crime analyst for the Takoma Park Police Department. Capt. Coursey attended the Safe Roadways Committee meeting on Tuesday, May 15. Lt. Cipperly has initiated planning for police support of the annual JazzFest event after attending a meeting with its organizers. *(Police)*
- 6. Traffic Enforcement:** The department conducted 43 traffic stops in the week, with 37 resulting in citations. Most were on the New Hampshire Avenue and the Ethan Allen Avenue corridors. Not included in these numbers were several stationary traffic details conducted by officers at various locations, in conjunction with the Maryland Chief's Challenge seat belt enforcement campaign. *(Police)*
- 7. A Full Strength Department!:** The department has attained full strength in both full time civilian and sworn officer positions. This is the first time since 1998 in which the agency has hit this mark. Two recruits are in the process of learning basic communications office procedures and familiarization with Criminal Investigations, and will attend their basic police academy training beginning in mid-June. Two others are

beginning their field training phases in the next couple of weeks, after they satisfy some limited specialized training needs. *(Police)*

8. Maple Avenue Crosswalks (Ward 4): The city contractor will be installing the thermoplastic imprinted crosswalks at Maple And Grant and Maple and Lee Avenue on Monday, May 21. *(Public Works)*

9. Cleveland Avenue Rain Garden Installation (Ward 1): Work on the first phase of a comprehensive stormwater management system for Cleveland Avenue will begin Monday, May 21. The work was to have begun Thursday, May 17, but was delayed by the contractor. *(Public Works)*

10. Old Town Decorative Streetlights (Ward 1): The streetlights along the 7000 and 6900 block of Carroll Avenue and Laurel Avenue have been retrofitted with Metal Halide lights. The globes have been cleaned and the effect is a brighter look to the Old Town area. PEPCO is still working on the problem that is causing several of those lights on Laurel to be out. *(Public Works)*

11. TV Coverage: City TV staff covered the Azalea Awards last Saturday, May 12th, and the Arts and Humanities Commission Poetry Series on Thursday, May 17th. City TV also videotaped the Maryland Open Meetings Act Training for City Committees held on May 16. This training is now available for viewing online at the following link: http://takomapark.granicus.com/MediaPlayer.php?publish_id=44 *(City TV)*

12. The Softball League: The Takoma Park Coed Softball League is underway. Five teams are competing this year every Sunday morning at Ed Wilhelm and Lee Jordan Fields. Each team has at least 20 diehard softballers trying to avoid pulling a hamstring as they round 1st base. Seriously, it's a great way for folks to get some exercise and recreate after a hard week of work. DiMaggio's Blues is unbeaten, by the way, at 4-0, and seem intent on dethroning the defending champs Big Train. *(Recreation)*